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TEXTING AND DRIVING LAW GOES INTO EFFECT MARCH 1ST, 2013

Tomorrow, March 1ST, the statewide ban on texting and driving (House Bill 99) goes into effect in Ohio. Under the law no driver is permitted to text and drive. For drivers under age 18 the use of portable electronic devices while driving is banned. These means drivers under age 18 cannot text, email, play video games, use a GPS device NOR talk on the phone while driving (even if you are stopped in traffic or at a traffic light)

For drivers under age 18 it is a primary offense, which means you can be stopped for any of the reasons listed above. The 1st violation is a \$150 fine, and driver's license suspended for 60 days. The 2nd offense is a \$300 fine, and driver's license suspended for a year. It's a Primary Offense which means law enforcement can stop you for any of the above reasons.

For drivers over 18 it is a secondary enforcement offense, meaning police need another reason to stop and cite violators, such as weaving or speeding. For drivers over 18 it is illegal to use a handheld electronic wireless communications device to write, send or read a text while driving in Ohio. The offense is a minor misdemeanor, and you could face a fine of up to \$150.

Read more:

http://www.wcpo.com/dpp/news/region_east_cincinnati/symmes_township/ohios-new-no-texting-while-driving-law-starts-friday#ixzz2ME79GYhY